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PROGRESS

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

An interview was held on December 18, 2006 between Applicants' representative, Theodore M. Magee, and Examiner Armstrong. During the interview, possible amendments to the claims were discussed.

For claim 1, Applicants suggested amending claim 1 by replacing the word "near" in the second element of claim 1 with the phrase -- so that at least a portion of the progress meter is less than the height of one text line away from --. No agreement was reached as to whether this amendment would overcome the §112 rejection of claim 1. However, the Examiner indicated that she would discuss it with other Examiners to see if it was definite enough to overcome the §112 rejection.

In claim 12, it was agreed that deleting the word "somewhere" would overcome the §112 rejection of claim 12.

In claim 17, it was agreed that amending the preamble so that it reads "A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions comprising" would overcome the §101 rejection of claim 17-20.


In claim 21, it was agreed that deleting the phrase "close to the volume meter" in the third limitation of claim 21 would overcome the §112 rejection of claim 21.

In claim 29, it was agreed that amending claim 29's preamble to read "A computer-readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions designed to be executed in a computer system having a display, the computer executable instructions comprising:" would overcome the §101 rejection of claims 29-33.

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